

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 228208

66

ORIGIN SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /026 R

DRAFTED BY EUR/SE:NLEDSKY:CF

APPROVED BY EUR:WSTABLER

S/S-O: G. TWOHIE

----- 017214

P 170132Z OCT 74

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY NICOSIA PRIORITY

INFO AMEMBASSY ANKARA PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY ATHENS PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY LONDON PRIORITY

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 228208

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, PFOR, CY, TU, US, UK

SUBJECT: REFUGEES IN SOVEREIGN BASE AREAS

1. BRITISH EMBASSY OFFICER INFORMED DEPARTMENT OCTOBER 15 THAT LONDON REMAINED UNDER HEAVY DIPLOMATIC PRESSURE TO LET TURK-CYPRIOT REFUGEES IN BRITISH SOVEREIGN BASE AREAS (SBAS) TRAVEL NORTH TO TURKISH OCCUPIED AREAS OF CYPRUS. BRITISH HAD RESISTED THIS PRESSURE UNTIL NOW, HOPING TO COMBINE A SOLUTION FOR TURKS IN SBAS WITH SOME CONCESSION FOR GREEK CYPRIOT REFUGEES, BUT WITH NO SOLUTION IN VIEW AND WITH WINTER APPROACHING, UK FELT IT MUST FIND EARLY SOLUTION WHICH INVOLVED MINIMUM POLITICAL RISK. CURRENT THINKING IN LONDON WAS THAT SIMPLEST SOLUTION WOULD BE TO INVITE TURKEY TO LAND CIVILIAN VESSEL AND TRANSPORT ANY REFUGEES WHO WISH TO TRAVEL TO TURKEY OR TURKISH OCCUPIED AREAS OF CYPRUS. BRITISH EMBOFF ASKED WHETHER US THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE MEANS OF SOLVING SBA REFUGEE ISSUE.

2. DEPARTMENT OFFICERS SAID DEPT WOULD CONSIDER UK POSITION
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 228208

AND PROVIDE DEFINITIVE US VIEWS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ON

PRELIMINARY BASIS, THEY SAID THEY COULD SEE CERTAIN PROBLEMS WITH UK PLAN. ARRIVAL OF TURKISH VESSEL OFF SBA WOULD LIKELY BE INTERPRETED AS COLLUSION BETWEEN TURKEY AND UK WITH RESULTANT UNFAVORABLE PUBLICITY FROM GREECE AND GREEK CYPRIOTS. THERE WAS ALSO PROBLEM THAT PRESENCE

OF LARGE TURKISH VESSEL WOULD FORCE EVEN THOSE REFUGEES WHO DID NOT WISH TO MOVE NORTH TO ACCEDE TO COMMUNITY PRESSURE AND BOARD SHIP.

3. COMMENT: BRITISH CLEARLY WANT TO RID THEMSELVES OF THIS TRICKY ISSUE. WHILE WE SYMPATHIZE WITH LONDON'S PLIGHT, THERE IS NOTHING TO BE GAINED BY ASSOCIATING OURSELVES WITH UK ACTION. ACCORDINGLY, SINCE IT WOULD CLEARLY BE PREFERABLE TO COMBINE MOVEMENT OF TURKISH REFUGEES WITH PARALLEL MOVEMENT OF AT LEAST SOME GREEK CYPRIOT REFUGEES BACK TO THEIR HOMES, WE INTEND TO ADVISE UK THAT FURTHER DELAY IN ARRANGING THE MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES FROM SBA'S WOULD BE DESIRABLE, BUT THAT FINAL DECISION WILL HAVE TO BE MADE BY UK ON BASIS ITS OWN ASSESSMENT OF WHAT IS FEASIBLE IN CIRCUMSTANCES. INGERSOLL

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: POLICIES, REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT, MILITARY BASES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 17 OCT 1974
Decaption Date: 28 MAY 2004
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: shawdg
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974STATE228208
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: NLEDSKY:CF
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740294-1161
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19741039/aaaabgrd.tel
Line Count: 82
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN SS
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: shawdg
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 19 MAR 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: WITHDRAWN <17 APR 2002 by boyleja, 3.4.X6>; RELEASED <19 MAR 2003 by shawdg>; APPROVED <19 MAR 2003 by shawdg>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: REFUGEES IN SOVEREIGN BASE AREAS
TAGS: PINT, PFOR, CY, TU, US, UK
To: NICOSIA
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005